

REMARKS

The Amendments

Claims 1 and 30 are amended to correct antecedent basis.

Claims 2, 8, and 21 are amended to correct obvious grammatical errors.

Claim 7 is amended to correct a typographic error.

No new matter is added in the amendments. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments.

Information Disclosure Statement Previously filed

Applicants have submitted Information Disclosure Statement on February 27, 2004, which the Examiner has not initialed the 1449 Form.

Applicants request that the Examiner initial the 1449 Form and return to Applicants.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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